

## 2000-2023

- 2000:** Israel leaves **southern Lebanon**, ending military presence there, but tensions with **Hezbollah** persist.
- 2000:** **Second Intifada** begins after failed peace talks at Camp David and Ariel Sharon's visit to Temple Mount.
- 2002: Operation Defensive Shield:** Israel launches a large-scale military operation in the **West Bank** to combat terrorism after the **Passover Massacre** in Netanya.
- 2005:** Israel completes the **Disengagement**, withdrawing all settlers and military forces from the **Gaza Strip**.
- 2006: Second Lebanon War** begins after Hezbollah's cross-border attack; Israel responds with military action.
- 2008: Operation Cast Lead:** Israel launches a three-week offensive in Gaza to stop rocket attacks by Hamas.
- 2011: Gilad Shalit** is released after five years in Hamas captivity in exchange for 1,000 Palestinian prisoners.
- 2012: Operation Pillar of Defense:** Israel targets Hamas in Gaza following increased rocket attacks on southern Israel.
- 2013:** Israel conducts multiple airstrikes in **Syria**, targeting Iranian arms transfers to Hezbollah.
- 2014: Operation Protective Edge:** 50-day war with Hamas in Gaza begins after kidnapping-murder of three Israeli teenagers.
- 2014:** Israel builds the **Iron Dome** system, which intercepts thousands of rockets from Gaza, transforming its defensive capabilities.
- 2015:** Wave of Palestinian stabbing and car-ramming attacks, often referred to as the "**Knife Intifada**."
- 2016: UN Security Council Resolution 2334** declares Israeli settlements in the West Bank as illegal under international law, causing tensions between Israel and the international community.
- 2017:** The **United States recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's capital**, sparking protests and international criticism.
- 2018:** The **Nation-State Law** is passed, defining Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people, sparking domestic and international controversy.
- 2020: The Abraham Accords** normalize relations between Israel, the UAE, Bahrain, Sudan, and Morocco, marking a major diplomatic breakthrough.
- 2021: Operation Guardian of the Walls:** An 11-day conflict with Hamas in Gaza is triggered by tensions in Jerusalem, including clashes at the **Al-Aqsa Mosque**.
- 2021: Naftali Bennett** becomes Prime Minister, ending Benjamin Netanyahu's 12-year tenure.
- 2022: Benjamin Netanyahu** returns to power as Prime Minister, leading a far-right coalition government.
- 2022: Operation Breaking Dawn:** Israel conducts airstrikes in Gaza against Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), leading to a brief three-day conflict.
- 2023:** Judicial reform protests erupt, causing a major crisis between the government and protesters.
- 2023 (October 7): Hamas invades southern Israel**, killing 1,400 Israelis, wounding thousands, kidnapping over 240 people. Hamas fighters breach the Gaza border, targeting civilians and military in southern Israel.
- 2023 (October 7): Israel responds with Operation Swords of Iron**, launching a massive aerial and ground campaign in Gaza to dismantle Hamas. Broad international criticism of Israel and Jews.
- 2023 (October 8): Hezbollah** launches aerial attacks across **Israel's northern border**, leading to clashes with Israeli forces in **Lebanon**. Fighting continues until ceasefire on November 27, 2024.